



Today's  
Advertisements.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 23rd December, 1899, at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2, Nos. 1-200, at 11.00 A.M., Nos. 201-500, at 2.30 P.M., AN INVOICE OF

## TOYS, DOLLS AND FANCY GOODS.

Comprising—  
DOLLS, MECHANICAL TOYS, SWINGS, GAMES, TINWARE, MAGIC LANTERNS, SWORDS, GUNS, WHIPS, STEAMBOATS, LOCOMOTIVES, STEAM ENGINES, &c., &c.

Also:  
Ladies and Gents' TRAVELLING BAGS, PURSES, FEATHER FANS, &c., &c., &c.  
A Fine Chance for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!!  
TERMS OF SALE—As customary.  
PAUL BREWITT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592a]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

FRIDAY, the 29th December, 1899,

at 2.45 P.M.,  
At No. 9, Queen's Garden, Peak Road.  
(The Residence of G. C. Cox, Esq.)  
THE WARE OF HIS VALUABLE  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—  
SILK TAPESTRY & PLUSH COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAK OVER-  
MANTELS, CHIFFONIER, JAPANESE  
CABINETS, CANTON BLACKWOOD  
TABLES AND STOOLS, &c., &c., &c.  
TEAK SIDEBOARD WITH MIRROR,  
DINING WAGGONS, DINING TABLE  
AND CHAIRS, OIL-PAINTINGS, FINE  
ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS, GLASS  
AND CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, GAS  
FITTINGS, &c., &c.

Double and Single BRASS MOUNTED  
BEDSTEADS, TEAK WARDROBE WITH  
MIRROR, DUCHESSE TOILET TABLE,  
MARBLE TOP WARDROBES, TOILET  
SETS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, CHAIRS,  
TABLES, FENDERS & COALSUTTLERS,  
&c., &c.

COOKING RANGE AND UTENSILS.  
TENNIS NET AND POLES, 1 Lot  
WIRE NETTING.

Also:  
COTTAGE PIANO by RACHALS (in good  
Condition).  
On View from THURSDAY, the 28th Dec.  
TERMS—As customary.  
Catalogues will be issued.

GEO. A. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1593a]

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

IN Aid of the SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,  
an ASSOCIATION MATCH, CIVIL-  
LIANS v. ARMY AND NAVY, will be played  
on SATURDAY, the 30th December, 1899, at  
Four o'clock.

ADMISSION.  
For each Person of either sex. Admission  
to Ground—Ten cents. Tickets may be ob-  
tained on the Ground. For Admission to the  
Grand Stand—Fifty cents. Reserved  
Seats—One Dollar each, may be obtained on  
and after WEDNESDAY, the 27th December, at  
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.

Members' Tickets of Admission to the Club  
Grand Stand will be suspended for the 30th  
December.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1594a]

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT  
will be given on  
SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1900,  
in the  
THEATRE ROYAL,  
at 9 P.M.

In Aid of the  
SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,  
Under the Patronage of  
H.E. Sir HENRY & Lady BLAKE,  
H.E. Major-General & Mrs. GASCOIGNE,  
Commanders & Mrs. POWELL,  
and all the  
Leading Citizens.

The Booking Office at CITY HALL will be  
OPEN on WEDNESDAY, the 27th December,  
at 10 A.M. ADMISSION 5s all over the House.

THE ENTERTAINMENT will be repeated  
on WEDNESDAY, the 10th January. AD-  
MISSION 5s to Dress Circle, 3s, 1s, 1s, 1s.  
Soldiers, Sailors, Police and Volunteers in  
Uniform Half-price.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

## HONGKONG HARBOUR.

FROM the 24th instant until about the 28th  
January, 1900, sunken obstructions will  
be laid to the north of Stonecutters' Island.

The obstructed area will be bounded on  
the west by a line drawn from the most  
northern point of the island to the Watering  
Pier at Lycheekok, on the east by a line  
drawn from the Government Pier, on the  
North Shore near the Magazines, in a N.N.E.  
direction to the Mainland.

Vessels and junks are prohibited from  
anchoring in the obstructed area.

For purposes of navigation the sunken  
obstructions may be considered as reducing  
the depths of water shown on the chart by  
eleven feet.

A fairway, about 250 yards wide, will be  
buoyed through the middle of the obstructed  
area, being marked on the north by 3 buoys  
carrying red flags, and on the south by 3  
buoys carrying white flags. No obstructions  
will be laid within this fairway, but vessels and  
junks are prohibited from anchoring therein.

During the same period floating obstructions  
will be laid south of Stonecutters.

The southern limit of the obstructed area  
will be marked by buoys carrying red flags.

The easternmost buoy will be approximately  
700 yards due south of the southernmost point  
of Stonecutters' Island, the westernmost buoy  
about 700 yards due west of the first mentioned  
buoy. Lines due north from these two buoys  
will give the eastern and western limits of the  
obstructed area. Vessels and junks are pro-  
hibited from anchoring in or passing through  
the obstructed area.

By MURRAY RUMSEY,  
Retd. Comdr., R.N.,  
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1595a]

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## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

## PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 23rd  
instant, at 2.45 P.M.  
Rangas—200, 500 and 600 yards.  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHGOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1596a]

## WANTED.

TWO GENTLEMEN in the country desire  
at once a CHINESE TEACHER for  
the CANTONESE DIALECT.  
Repplier stating Salary expected to be ad-  
dressed to "O.A.L."

Care of This Paper.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1597a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
THE Company's Steamship

## "HAILONG,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 24th instant,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1598a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship

## "PATROCLUS,"

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above  
on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1599a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO.  
THE Company's Steamship

## "NANCHANG,"

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above  
on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1599a]

## Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

SHERRIES.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY,  
dinner wine, Green Seal  
Capsule . . . . . \$10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE  
NATURAL SHERRY, White  
Capsule . . . . . 12.00

CC.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY,  
PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red  
Seal Capsule . . . . . 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD  
PALE DRY, choice old wine,  
White Seal Capsule . . . . . 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD  
PALE DRY, very finest quality,  
Black Seal Capsule (Old  
Bottled) . . . . . 20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner  
Wines and suitable for invalids and  
delicate stomachs. D and E are  
after-dinner Wines of a very superior  
vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-  
ties will be supplied at proportionate  
wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and  
Spirits to be genuine when bought  
direct from us in the Colony or from  
our authorised Agents at the Coast  
Ports.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO.,

LIMITED.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Legislative Council met yesterday and  
got through its programme in its usual list-  
less fashion. The Acting Attorney General  
languidly moved, and the Colonial Treasurer  
perky seconded certain readings and certain  
amendments. The Colonial Secretary, the  
only personage in the assembly who did not  
look as if he were at a funeral, laid a paper  
or two on the table and interposed a cheery  
remark or two during the course of the  
afternoon. His Excellency the Governor,  
in reply to Dr. Ho Kai, gave an explanation,  
about which we shall have something to say  
later on, in his customary doleful fashion.

The news from the Cape has been, perhaps,  
too much for him. The rest of the Official  
Automata said "aye" when the wires were  
pulled but in the intervals sat like dummies  
they are, not showing even by their faces,  
that they took the faintest interest in what  
was going on. Mr. WHITEHEAD was absent.

Mr. CHARTER reserved any remarks he had  
to make for the next meeting of the Execu-  
tive Council, his appointment to which has  
utterly destroyed his utility as a representa-

tive man in the more popular assembly. His  
constituents should call on him for resigna-  
tion. He has gone over in all things to the  
Government.

A Bill to amend the Companies Ordinance  
was read a second time. It re-enacts in this  
Colony the provisions of a recent Imperial  
Act, empowering the Courts to protect share-  
holders from the consequences of any failure  
to duly register agreements authorising the  
issue of fully paid up shares in companies for  
other than a cash consideration, and otherwise  
improves the company law of the Colony.  
The Dangerous Goods Ordinance was also  
read a second time and passed through  
Committee. The Government—we cannot  
say the Council—has adopted the suggestion  
made by the Chamber of Commerce and  
thereby very considerably improved the Bill.

The next Bill laid before the Council for  
its second reading—An Ordinance to provide  
for the summoning of Chinese before the  
Registrar General—is a most unconstitu-  
tional extension of the powers of the Govern-  
ment and, if passed, become in the hands  
of our zealous—we won't say unscrupu-  
lous—officials a most dangerous instrument  
for the oppression of the Chinese. It  
authorises the Registrar General to summon  
before him any Chinese—British subjects or  
native born—whom he may think fit and to  
compel them to come before him, and to  
give him any information he may require, on  
any subject with reference to which he may  
be directed by the Governor to make  
enquiry. It vests in the Registrar General  
all the powers of the Supreme Court, in-  
cluding the power to punish summarily for  
perjury, or for refusal to answer, or to produce  
books or papers. Dr. Ho Kai saw some of  
the dangers to which the Chinese became  
exposed if such a Bill became law and op-  
posed it as a piece of class legislation and in  
its very nature unconstitutional; he asked  
for a period of limitation to be inserted in  
the Bill and that the Governor should pro-  
mise that it shall be worked with every care  
and consideration. The Governor assented  
to all Dr. Ho Kai's remarks but went on to  
explain the reasons which had induced the  
Government to frame and introduce the Bill.  
If the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai had spoken after  
the Governor instead of before him he would  
have taken a very different tone.

It appeared from the Governor's ex-  
planation that the Government want the  
land in the New Territory registered, but  
the people do not come in freely to re-  
gister. The Government wanted to ex-  
plain to the Chinese farmers why their  
land should be registered and the advan-  
tages of registration and as the only way to  
get the information to the people the elders  
were summoned to attend the Registrar Gen-  
eral and listen to his disquisitions on the  
subject. They would not come. The people  
would not come in and register. The law is  
not a law to compel them to register under  
penalty. They have not been asked for in-  
formation and therefore have not refused to  
give it. They were invited in to have in-  
formation given to them, not to furnish it,  
and their refusal to listen to the classical  
Chinese of the Registrar General is to be  
punished by his being invested with the  
most extensive inquisitorial powers ever  
conferred on any individual, and not  
possessed by the Supreme Court. In view  
of the approaching appointment of a  
special Land Court for the New Territory—  
an extremely crude and ill-considered measure  
at the best—and in view of the statements of  
His Excellency yesterday on the subject, this  
Bill ought to be opposed tooth and nail, by  
every lover of justice and fair play. It will  
assuredly be used by the Government in aid  
of their proceedings in the Land Court and  
to enable them to obtain a discovery of  
titles and documents which no Court would  
give them without ordinary safeguards, which  
any properly constituted Court would afford.

The Council spent the last hour of the sitting  
over the Arms Bill. Mr. BELLIOS moved  
that Counsel be heard against the Bill, on  
behalf of the dealers in arms doing business  
in the Colony and Dr. Ho Kai seconded the  
motion, which was carried. The worthy  
Doctor confined himself to his duty as  
second, saying nothing about the Bill on  
its merits. Mr. BELLIOS entreated the Gov-  
ernor to withdraw the Bill entirely, as being  
not only unnecessary but mischievous, but he  
failed when the time came to move the  
rejection of the Bill and to challenge a  
division on the subject. Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C.,  
was then heard by the Council against the  
Bill, but he did not oppose legislation on  
the subject in its entirety. He simply urged  
that, while proper restrictions upon the car-  
riage and sale of arms in the Colony were  
reasonable and necessary, needless restric-  
tions on the export and import were inju-  
rious to trade, subversive of the interests  
of the Colony and unauthorised by any law  
or precedent in England. The Bill was there-  
fore read a second time, but will be largely  
amended in Committee.

Certain correspondence relating to the  
Volunteers and to their services in the New  
Territory was laid on the table by the Col-  
onial Secretary and the Governor did not  
avail himself of the opportunity to apologise  
for, or to explain his failure to report to the  
Secretary of State till September last the  
services rendered to the Government in April  
by the Volunteers. We cannot think that  
it was forgetfulness. We remember record-  
ing, at the time, that the local Authorities  
were doing their very best to minimise  
in their reports home, the serious nature  
of the events occurring on the main-  
land and to cover, as far as possible,  
the blunders of the High Commissioner  
Mr. LOCKHART. Probably he himself would  
be the first to admit now that he was entirely  
mistaken in his estimation of the situation,  
and that to his want of insight, the greater  
portion of the subsequent trouble was due.

Probably the most important, so far as the  
community generally is concerned, of the  
measures dealt with by the Council at its  
yesterday's sitting was the "Piers Ordinance  
1899" which was read a first time and which

will appear in *extenso* in Saturday's *Govern-  
ment Gazette*. It appears to be the result and  
the successful result of the vigorous agitation  
carried on when the last Bill on this subject  
was before the Council and the public, but  
which we will refer to another issue. Leases  
of 30 years, at a rent, are to be granted in  
respect of all piers, but the rents are still ex-  
cessive and ought to be contested. They are  
far in excess of the rentals charged for the  
best marine lots. The provision that deprives  
Pier owners of their right to claim compen-  
sation for disturbance and leaves them at the  
mercy of the Governor for the time being,  
is unjust, is unnecessary and is only  
another illustration of the tendency in the  
Colonial Office and its subordinates to  
govern the Crown Colonies as if they  
were portions of the Russian Empire and  
not of free England. The residents in  
Crown Colonies are, in many respects, as  
badly treated as the Uitlanders in the Trans-  
vaal. *Sic volo, si jubeo, Siat ratione  
voluntas.*

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE WAR.

## The War—Re-inforcements.

LONDON, December 19th.

It is officially announced that the Govern-  
ment will raise a Mounted Infantry force for  
South Africa to be named the "Imperial  
Yeomanry." The force will consist of 120  
Companies. Infantry Volunteers will supply  
one Company of 114 men for each line  
battalion in South Africa, these Companies  
generally replacing Mounted Infantry taken  
from the line battalions.

## The Tugela River Reverses.

Accounts of the fight received to the eve-  
ning of the 15th instant show that although  
the British guns were abandoned, it is doubt-  
ful whether the Boers captured them. A  
Boer report dated 16th instant mentions the  
capture of two guns, thirteen waggons of  
ammunition and 298 prisoners.

## Lord Kitchener's Departure.

H.M.S. *Lis* has gone to Alexandria to  
take Lord Kitchener to the Cape.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OWING to their services being required else-  
where the Band of the Hongkong Regiment  
will not play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow  
evening, as usual.

THE Xmas parcel mail due by the *Malilla*  
about noon on the 23rd inst. will be delivered  
on application at the Parcel Office between  
8 a.m. and noon on Sunday, the 24th.

A FATAL accident is reported from Mafeking.  
The report states that Lieut. Murchison, a sub-  
altern belonging to Colonel Baden Powell's  
garrison, by means of an accidental revolver  
shot killed Mr. Parslow, the *Daily Chronicle's*  
war correspondent at Mafeking.

COLONEL Schiel, who commanded the German  
corps at Elandsburg, and who was captured  
on that occasion by the British, states that the  
Gordon Highlanders fought so grandly at  
Elandsburg that he feels disposed to come to  
the salute whenever he sees their uniform.

Mr. Clifford is to draw as much salary as  
Governor of B. N. Borneo as Sir Frank Swet-  
tenham does as Resident General. This shows,  
says the *Malay Mail*, the difference between  
working for business men and working for a  
Government! The former knows that a good  
article is worth paying for.

TO-MORROW afternoon, on the Happy Valley,  
in the first round for the Hongkong Football  
Challenge Shield, the Victoria Recreation Club  
will play "G" Company, R.V.F. Kick-off at  
four o'clock. Referee Mr. H. E. Green. Channett  
goal; Brett and Baillie, backs; and, Craig  
and Cameron, halves; and Humphreys, Lou-  
reiro, Yule, Sutton and Williams, forwards.

THE "MOTHER-IN-LAW" AT THE  
CITY HALL.

The performance of last night added one  
more to the list of successes already obtained  
by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club.  
Busily engaged as the Club's at the present time,  
working hard at the opera, they are staging next  
month "The Yeoman of the Guard," they have  
still managed to find time and talent for a full  
cast of the Comedy they have just played,  
and will put on again on Saturday night.  
The greatest credit is due to Mr. A. P. Stokes  
for his able stage management, which  
enabled the piece of last night to run so  
smoothly, and to the spectators so enjoy-  
able. There must have been some anxiety at  
what appeared from the circle to be a slight  
temporary lapse of memory on the part of  
certain of the characters, which we may presume  
will not be likely to occur on Saturday. Of  
course it is not likely that in our Dramatic Club  
there are members who are likely to render the  
manager the assurance at rehearsals that they  
will be "fairlight on the night," but nevertheless  
a more absolute letter in the perfectness of the parts  
will render the acting better, and give the actors  
more comfort and assurance.

The plot of the comedy hinges on the amour  
of Talford Twigg for Rosa Matilda MacTurtle,  
which meets with the approval of Mrs. MacTurtle,  
but that lady, who is a very keen upholder of  
women's rights and seldom appears without a  
lengthy petition for which she desires the  
signature of the populace in general, desires  
her son-in-law to have £1000 invested in a  
lucrative business. The furtherance of  
this desire brings her in communication  
with Mr. Pownceby, a solicitor, in whose  
invest the one thousand pound. This gen-  
tleman is perfectly willing to invest the capital,  
but there is one thing needful, and that is the  
helpful. It so happens however that the gay  
Major, Mrs. Turtle's spouse, has engaged in a  
flirtation with Topsy Grey who is in conjunction  
with Percy d'Almaine, with an aptrophe  
"Don't-cher-know-engaged-to-play-in-a-co-  
medy-which-it-so-happens-had-been-written-by  
Talford called 'The mother-in-law,' and that  
much maligned lady was modeled from this  
same."

Mrs. MacTurtle who was now about to be-  
come his own mother-in-law. This comedy  
was written in former days, before the probabili-  
ty of such an eventuality had arisen, and on the  
day when the plot is opened Talford has just  
received information that this play is to be  
staged, and during the absence of Mrs. Mac-  
Turtle, with whom he is residing, he called upon  
the manager of the "Frivoly" who has accepted  
the piece, two members of the Topsy and  
Percy, and Mr. Pownceby, the solicitor, who is

appears in addition to being the solicitor who  
has a vacant partnership, has been entrusted  
by Topsy with a suit against Major MacTurtle  
for breach of promise, and at the same time is  
an old friend of Talford's. While the latter  
is explaining the impossibility of allow-  
ing his name to be published as the  
author of the piece, Mrs. MacTurtle returns  
and Pounceby, taken by surprise, intro-  
duces all of those present as his relations.  
This causes a number of most absurd situations  
which are most laughably represented by the  
impersonators and leads up to a final scene  
on the night of the production of the comedy  
when a grand denouement exposes and at the  
same time clears up all mistakes and insures  
the happy consummation of all troubles in the  
final "bless thee my children."

The following is the cast of characters—  
THE "MOTHER-IN-LAW."  
FANCIAL COMEDY.  
In three Acts.  
Classed.

Major MacTurtle . . . . . Dr. Francis Clark  
Talford Twigg . . . . . Mr. H. W. Looker  
Mrs. Pownceby . . . . . Mrs. H. W. Looker  
Percy d'Almaine . . . . . Mr. P. P. P. P.  
Topsy Grey . . . . . Miss Fielden  
Rosa Matilda . . . . . Miss Fielden  
Mrs. Pownceby . . . . . Mrs. P. P. P. P.  
Topsy Grey . . . . . Miss Fielden  
Scene. I.—Morning Room at Major MacTurtle's House.  
Scene. II.—Pownceby's Office in Lincoln's Inn.  
Scene. III.—Foyer of the Royal Frivoly Theatre.

## BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the prizes were dis-  
tributed to the successful competitors at the  
Bellios Public School. The large hall on the  
ground floor was tastefully decorated with  
bunting and pot plants, the further hall being  
boarded over for a platform, on which the  
young ladies were seated, their pretty figures  
combining well with the floral decorations.  
On this platform, under the auspices of Mr. W. F. F., first  
the juniors and then the seniors gave an exhibi-  
tion of physical drill. The former with a lighted  
gaily decorated, to serve as a rifle, went through  
their drill most creditably and showed that they  
had paid strict attention to their instructor.  
The seniors were armed with light clubs, which  
they wielded in a very graceful manner, keep-  
ing perfect time to the accompaniment of the  
piano. Without being too critical we might  
say that too much work is thrown on the young  
ladies' wrists, and not enough on the shoulders  
to allow of the chest succeeding in the benefit  
of the exercises. The dialogue given by  
the senior girls was extremely pretty and  
remarkably well rendered. It represented  
Britannia holding an amicable conversation  
with her children, England, Scotland,  
Ireland and Wales, the designs of the  
dresses accurately depicting the characters  
taken. Britannia wore a golden crown on her  
head and was enveloped in the Union Jack;  
England was represented by two girls and one  
of the prettiest pictures of the whole tableaux  
was produced in that representation by Miss Letitia  
King who was dressed in a spotless white cos-  
tume, very prettily adorned with roses, in fact  
half hidden in a wealth of floral beauty which  
had been so artistically blended and tastefully  
arranged as to render an effect which can  
justly be described as charming. In addition  
to this she held in her hand a splendid bouquet  
of roses concluding the impersonation with the  
well known colours of England which flowed in  
long streamers from our national floral emblem.  
The Scotch lassies wore the national tartan and  
Tam O'Shanter; the ladies from the Emerald Isle  
showed their nationality by their brogue and a  
floral adornment of Shamrocks; whilst the  
Welsh wore their characteristic high marketing  
hat, made so familiar in pictures of Welsh life.  
The other items on the programme were ad-  
mirable and clearly showed the thoroughness  
of the tuition given at the school.

We cannot dismiss the *reunion* of this plea-  
sant ceremony without a word of special com-  
mendation upon the evident care and trouble  
which has been bestowed by Sergeant Wilton  
on the physical exercises through which the  
pupils passed in their exhibition yesterday.  
To produce such perfection requires the ex-  
ercise of a very considerable amount of patience,  
and calls for the most consummate skill on  
the part of the trainer to drill children into  
such perfect regularity and correctness of  
detail as was displayed by the promising  
pupils. Sergeant Wilton thoroughly deserved the  
applause which was rendered him on the sug-  
gestion of Dr. Bateson Wright.

Dr. Bateson Wright then proceeded to read  
the school report for the past year which was  
of a most satisfactory character.

The Acting Head Mistress desires to tender  
most hearty thanks to the following gentlemen,  
who so generously subscribed to the Prize-  
Fund—Sir Thomas Jackson, Hon. E. R.  
Bellios, C.M.C., Hon. J. J. Keswick, F.R.  
Honour Mr. Justice Goodman, Rev. R. F.  
Cobbald, Inspector Hanson, Messrs. A. W.  
Brewin, B. Byramjee, R. Cook, D. R. Crawford,  
Gibb, Livingston & Co., D. Gillies, Holliday  
Wise & Co., Kelly & Walsh, H. W. King,  
H. N. Moody, Price & Co., A. S. Watson & Co.,  
Fung Wai Chun, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, Lau  
Wei Chun, Li Shing, Man Yu Tong, Tai Man  
Kok, See Wai, Wei Lun Shek, Yuen Lai  
Chuen.

As to those in the second class, I can only  
say they have my sympathy and I should like  
to remind them of the words of the sage at  
first you don't succeed try, try, try, again.  
Do not only try once, but often. The ad-  
vantage is that such repeated efforts are  
likely to attain success, and in any case,  
even if you should not gain a prize you will  
learn a great deal more than if you had not  
done your best. If you try hard to get to the  
top of a hill to see the country around, even if  
you fail to quite reach the summit, you will see  
much more than those who remained in the  
valley below.

As to the third class, perhaps we had better  
divide them into an upper and lower third.  
The upper third may consist of those who  
feel they are not good at book-work and that  
other girls are so much cleverer than they.  
To these I can only say that, in life, I have  
seen many a slow, steady, persevering, in-  
dustrious person succeed far better than those  
who have fancied that smartness can take the  
place of quiet industry. "Now we come to the  
lower third. These, I believe, are the girls who  
will not ask them to hold up their hands. Let us  
hope their number is very small indeed. To  
them I can only say that this world was never  
intended to be a paradise for drones. If they  
are anxious to be among the failures in life,  
they are very likely to obtain their wishes;  
only they are too young now to realize what  
that will mean someday. Boys and girls were  
not intended to vegetate, else they would have  
been born vegetables, as for instance cabbages  
or potatoes; then, if all day long, they would  
be a good sort of some one, especially about dinner  
time. But now let me add a few words to all of  
you who are pupils here. Do not suppose that  
when you leave school your education is com-  
pleted. It is only begun here. The great  
world around us is the real school which we  
must all attend, all through our lives. We  
only leave it when we

of the world a much pleasanter place than it will otherwise prove to be. Above all you should remember that this world is but the preparation for the life that comes hereafter.

Dr. Bateson Wright called for three cheers for Mrs. Titcher and proposed that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Goodman and Sergeant Wilton, which was accorded.

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney-General, in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873 said:—Honourable members will see the object of clause 2 of this Bill is to include, in the definition of dangerous goods, certain goods which are not specified in section 5 of Ordinance 8 of 1873, which it seems desirable to treat as dangerous goods. Since this Bill has been before the Council certain suggestions have been made by the Chamber of Commerce with reference to the definition of dangerous goods contained in this Bill, and in consequence of these suggestions I propose to move certain amendments to clause 2 of this Bill in Committee. Those amendments have been circulated to honourable members, and I think they will meet with the views of the Chamber of Commerce. With regard to clause 3 of the Bill the object of that clause is to except lubricating oils and high test petroleum tar or petroleum fuel from the operation of sections 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16 of Ordinance 8 of 1873, and from the operation of any bye-laws, etc., relating to the movement or storage of dangerous goods which have been heretofore made, and from any bye-law relating to dangerous goods which may hereafter be made, unless such special classes of goods are expressly mentioned in such bye-laws, etc. By that means such special classes of dangerous goods will be exempted from the severe tests which have been hitherto applicable to them in common with all other dangerous goods. At the same time, however, it appears desirable, looking to dangers which might arise from the mixing of low flash-oil with the high test oil, to retain the power of making bye-laws for the movement of and conditions for the storage of such special classes of goods instead of exempting them altogether from all the liabilities attaching to dangerous goods. As honourable members will see from the amendments which have been circulated, I shall have a few verbal amendments to suggest to clause 3 of the Bill in committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and the following amendments on the motion of the Acting Attorney-General were adopted.

In the seventh line of clause 2 of the Bill, the words "other than safety flares" be inserted after the word "fuses."

In the ninth line of clause 2 of the Bill, the words "other than percussion caps of priming caps or empty sporting cases" be inserted after the words "ammunition of all descriptions."

In the fourteenth line of clause 3 of the Bill, the words "Ordinance 8 of 1873 or Ordinance 8 of 1892" be substituted in place of the words "any Ordinance."

A new clause be added to the Bill, to be numbered clause 4, and that such new clause run as follows:—"The provisions of section 11 of Ordinance 8 of 1873 shall not apply to any goods the storage of which is provided for by any other Ordinance."

The Acting Attorney-General.—The object of the new clause is to make the provisions of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance with regard to storage not apply to goods, the storage of which is specially provided for by other Ordinances. I may mention that in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance there is a special provision made for the storage of goods which would come under the term dangerous goods, and I do not propose by this Bill to interfere with these special provisions, and that is the reason why I propose that clause 4 be included in the Bill.

The Bill as amended was passed through committee and the Council resumed.

### SUMMONING OF CHINESE BEFORE THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

The Acting Attorney-General.—I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar-General. This Bill is for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar-General to give information regarding any matter in which the Registrar-General is directed by the Governor to enquire. The reason for this Bill is that it is necessary that the Registrar-General should have power to summon before him any Chinese who he deems to question upon any matter of importance connected with the New Territories and affecting the Chinese. At present there is no power for the Registrar-General to compel the appearance before him of Chinese, and it is very desirable that he should have such power. I may mention, Sir, that this Bill is framed upon similar lines to certain laws which are in operation in the Malay States, and I understand from the Registrar-General that it is necessary that he should have this power to summon Chinese before him, and that it would very much facilitate the government of the New Territories if such measure as this is passed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.—I do not intend to offer a strong opposition to the second reading of the Bill, but at the same time, Sir, I would wish to remind the Council that a Bill of this nature confers a very great power upon an official of the Government—a power which, in some respects, is not possessed even by His Excellency the Governor or by the Chief Justice. As the Bill, as it stands, contains certain provisions expressly affecting the Chinese and the Chinese alone, whether a British subject or otherwise—and this makes the Bill very much more objectionable—it may be considered as class legislation, and as a general rule the Legislature regard such legislation with a great deal of care and suspicion. In the present instance, I must say that in dealing with the affairs of the New Territory it may be necessary for the Registrar-General to possess such power in order effectively to carry out his functions; and for that reason I and my honourable colleagues who represent with me the Chinese have thought it wise not to offer any strong opposition. Of course we are quite prepared to sacrifice a good deal of liberty with the object of helping the Government to carry out their policy for the good of the Chinese inhabitants of the New Territory; but at the same time I would ask Your Excellency to give instructions if this Ordinance be passed that strict and drastic measures be exercised. Otherwise the Chinese will suffer to the full, and in the case of any abuse of power I hope Your Excellency will give instructions that speedy redress shall be given. On a former occasion when a law was passed for the inspection of houses, the Governor at the time (Sir William Robinson) gave the Council his word that such powers would be exercised with a great deal of tact and discretion, and that in the case of any abuse of such power he would at once direct a strict enquiry. I wish the Council also to consider whether a measure of this kind should be allowed to continue for a very long time. I think it will meet the circumstances of the case if this Ordinance is allowed to be in operation

for 12 months or a definite period, and at the end of that period it may be renewed from year to year if considered necessary. Of course the New Territory in its present condition requires special legislation, but by and by it has become advanced and enlightened and prosperous like Hongkong I see no reason why it should not be brought under the same laws as Hongkong. We have at present measures which are renewed every year, and in this case in committee I shall move that a clause be inserted limiting the operation of the measure to 12 months at the end of which time it may be renewed if necessary.

The Hon. Wei A. Yuk supported the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai in the views he had expressed. His Excellency the Governor.—I think the observations of the honourable members who have just spoken are very much to the point, and I think it is only right that not alone the Council but the Chinese people in the New Territory should have some idea why this Bill is introduced by the Government at the present time. The condition of the New Territory is peculiar. The Chinese do not understand our ways, and we desire—I desire most heartily—to interfere with the Chinese and their customs as little as possible, but it is absolutely necessary that the land in the New Territory should be registered. Of course all members of the Council know that in the interests of the Chinese themselves it should be registered; but for some reason, probably some suspicion which I hope will be removed in the course of time, the Chinese have not been for some time as anxious to register their land as they might be, and for a considerable time we have found great difficulty in getting the Chinese to come forward and give any information about their land or about registration. It then became necessary to approach the Chinese through their elders, and for the purpose of explaining why it was necessary that land should be registered. However, on more than one occasion when these Chinese elders had been invited to come in they gave no attention whatever to the invitation. Such conduct under Chinese jurisdiction—refusing when invited by a high official to come in and assist him and give him information—would not have been tolerated for an instant. We do not propose to take the stringent measures which would have been taken had the people remained under Chinese jurisdiction, but we do wish to compel their attendance and to inflict a small fine in case they disobey the summons. As to the observations of the honourable gentleman with reference to the supervision, so to speak, of the exercise of this power, the honourable member will see from the second clause that "The Governor may at any time direct the Registrar-General to enquire into and report as to any matter which is connected with the New Territories as defined by section 2 of Ordinance No. 12 of 1890, if such matter exclusively concerns persons of Chinese race, whether British subjects or otherwise." The Registrar-General will only summon Chinese to come before him in certain cases into which he is directed by the Governor to enquire. Therefore, in no case can there be any action whatever without the direction of the Governor, and I think the honourable member will accept my assurance that the Ordinance will be carried out with every consideration for the Chinese and with every anxiety on the part of the Government that we shall never be forced to bring the provisions of the Ordinance into operation at all. I think that when it is known that we have power to compel the attendance of these people, who do not up to the present appear anxious to come forward the Chinese will yield gracefully to the necessity and come in when invited without our having to resort to this power. With reference to the suggestion of the honourable member that this Bill should have a "duration clause," I think it is a very fair suggestion. I shall have no objection whatever to it. I hope that in a short time the necessity for any such Ordinance as this will disappear.

The Council then went into committee. On the suggestion of the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, seconded by the Hon. Wei A. Yuk, the following clause was added to the Bill:—"This Ordinance shall continue in operation for a period of two years from the coming into operation of this Ordinance, and for such further period or periods as may from time to time be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council." The Bill passed through committee and the Council resumed.

**THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION BILL.**  
The Acting Attorney-General.—I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the carriage and possession of arms and ammunition.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. E. R. Bellios.—A petition has been presented to Your Excellency by firms dealing in arms in this colony praying that they be heard by counsel in opposition to the passing of this Bill. In moving that the prayer be granted, I beg Your Excellency's permission to make a few remarks. I have no objection to the Bill. It is so absurdly strict in its provisions that no postponement of its consideration, no amendment of its clauses in committee, can possibly improve it. I maintain, Sir, that the law now in force is already stringent enough for our purposes, and to proceed to make it still more stringent will, I am afraid, undermine the freedom of this port, the freedom upon which our prosperity mainly depends. We will be able to retain our powers as a free port, but we will lose our power as a free port, because as such legislation will be based on the assumption that Hongkong is the only entrepot in China, the only gateway through which arms and ammunition could be introduced into the vast Empire on whose fringe we stand. Because robberies and piracies are committed on the West River, miles away from this small island, we are asked to remodel our old law and thus seriously jeopardize an important branch of the trade of this colony. Our opinion, trade, because a few people commit suicide by eating the drug. A tendency or inclination seems recently to have developed in this Council to ferret out old laws and remodel them regardless of what the consequences may be to the interests of this colony. We seem to be elated with our surpluses and appear to think that whatever strain the progress of the colony may be subjected to our prosperity will continue uninterrupted. We must remember that there is always a proverbial last straw and that a calm generally follows a storm. If by these enactments we were to adversely affect the growth of the colony and a retrograde movement were once started, it would be difficult to retrace our steps and to undo the mischief effected. It will be remembered a few weeks ago when the Bill providing for the closing of disorderly houses was before the Council in committee, I called your Excellency's attention to the enormous powers we were delegating to two honourable but somewhat youthful members of this Council. My advice was then unheeded. I was under the impression when passing the Bill that only disorderly houses were to be closed, but now we hear that edicts have gone forth to close indiscriminately scores of houses of ill-fame without any fault being found with them.

His Excellency the Governor.—Is not the honourable member travelling outside the subject under discussion?

The Hon. E. R. Bellios.—No, Sir, I am coming to the point. The consequence is that there is a great number of the poor inhabitants of this

city. Before these laws introduced, owing to the enhanced rent in the centre of the town, families of labouring class found cheap residences in the suburbs to the east and west of us, but now, owing to the complete exodus of those women to these quarters, the houses of the poor families, who will now be compelled to stint or starve themselves to pay these exorbitant rents. Notwithstanding this movement, rents in the central districts will be upheld by Chinese landlords, who are principally the proprietors or lessees of the houses, which are being vacated. For this reason I submit, it will be advisable to let well alone and desist from making any enactments of the kind now proposed. I feel therefore compelled to sound a note of warning and beg to deprecate meddling with the present laws of the colony.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.—I beg to second the suggestion of the honourable member who has sat down that counsel be heard on behalf of the arms dealers who have presented the petition to this Council, in accordance with section 53 of the Standing Rule and Orders.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Francis then spoke at some length on the injury which such a Bill would do to the trade in arms which is carried on in this Colony, pointing out very forcibly that the fact of a few individuals making a misuse of the privileges of trade did not in any way make it a reasonable or just action on the part of the government to inflict stringent restrictions on the respectable tradesmen and dealers in this Colony, and to do so would be to do really no good as far as the protection of trade was concerned but would simply drive trade to Macao and other parts of China where no such stringent regulations were imposed.

The second reading of the Bill was afterwards carried.

**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE.**  
The Acting Attorney-General.—I now propose the third reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Merchant Shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the Colony and the regulation of vessels navigating the same.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday next.

### MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council meeting, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

The Chairman said:—I have one minute only to bring before the committee, and that is one in which the Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$350 in aid of the vote "Maintenance of Gardens." The Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department says that an expense of \$73.32 has been incurred in sending materials to England in connection with the Malaria Commission. He has been making enquiries in connection with the mosquitoes; which are supposed to be connected with the spread of malaria, and he has incurred this expense on that account, and also a sum of \$176.67, which is the cost of making a kitchen garden at Government House.

Carried.

### AT THE MAGISTRACY.

This morning at the Magistracy, before Mr. Gompertz, Cheung Tsun was charged with being in possession of 5 muskets, 5 cannons and 2 spears without having a licence from His Excellency the Governor. He was sentenced to pay \$100 fine or to go to prison for three months; he chose the latter alternative.

Mr. John Coyle was riding on his bicycle along the Queen's Road, recently, and when passing the Hongkong Hotel a coolie with a ricksha rushed across the road in front of the cyclist with the consequence that they collided and damage, estimated at \$30, was done to the bicycle. Mr. Coyle obtained a summons against the coolie and, it being proved to-day that he was to blame, Mr. Gompertz awarded \$30 to Mr. Coyle.

### FOOTBALL.

**HONGKONG RUGBY F.C. V. OFFICERS OF H.M.S. "BARFLEUR."**  
This match was played on the Club ground, at the Hong Kong Hotel, on Monday afternoon. Admiral Fitzgerald was present and was most enthusiastic about the play of his officers. A fairly large crowd witnessed the game.

The Navy defended the Pavilion end, kicking off with a long kick down the field. From the outset, the Barfleurs pressed the Club and made matters very lively for them for some time. Morrell working like a Trojan, ably seconded by Rutherford relieved the pressure by some good dribbling and a long kick up the field. With slow steps and knees into touch, the Barfleurs worked the ball back to the Club goal line, Gibbs got the ball, passing to his three quarters, who in turn passed to Thompson, who made a splendid break through the Club, touching down just over the line. Dix took the kick but failed to convert, owing to the angle. Everything was in the Barfleurs' favour for the whole of the first half, the two half backs doing good work behind the scrum. Crozier at three quarters was playing well and from a lot of severe scrums in the Club's favour Gibbs got the ball and touched down right between the goal posts. It was a beautiful run and was much applauded. This was converted. The Club's chances were pretty dim, when just before half time, from splendid passing, Crozier got the ball bounding off the upright. The whistle blew after the kick with the score—

H.M.S. Barfleurs 11 pts. to H. K. F. C. Nil.

On returning to the Club, the players were all the play was in the hands of the Club. The Club forwards worked hard, but were badly backed by their three quarters, except Hancock, who was always on the spot. The Barfleurs seemed to be fagged out, but gamely held their own for some considerable time. Gibbs was doing grand work as also was Crozier. The play was backwards and forwards across the centre line for some time, neither side gaining. In the scrums all the best play took place. Lieut. Vyvyan got away again, but when it came to pass, no one was behind him. Slowly but surely the Club worked their way down into the Barfleurs' 25 and from some good passing Hancock made a fine run, touching down behind the sticks. He afterwards converted it. The Barfleurs buckled up for a bit and took the play into the Club 25, but the Club gained foot by foot and again Hancock went away with the ball, touching down a second time. This was not converted and the whistle blew at the close of a very interesting game with the scores—

H.M.S. Barfleurs (a tie) 10 pts. to H. K. F. C. (a tie) 10 pts.

For the Barfleurs, Crozier, the half back did splendidly. The three-quarters passed well and only seemed to be there to feed Crozier.

In the scrum Dix, Camabe and one, who we heard called by the affectionate name of "Paddy," were conspicuous all through.

The Club did not have a very good team. Owen, as half, was playing well all through. Morrell in the scrum played a great game. Vyvyan and Rutherford also did well. Hancock

was the best of the back division. He certainly plays a better three-quarter game at Rugby than half back game at "Socker."

The teams lined up as follows:—

**H.M.S. "BARFLEUR."**  
Backs: Brown, Hodder, Thompson, Longhurst, Wilson, Gibbs.  
Forwards: Titcher, Dr. Williams, Johnson, Bowden, Smith, Batchelor, Fetherick, Camabe.  
Three-quarter backs: Thompson, Stockwell, Morrell, D. Stockwell, Bruce, Beattie, C. Vyvyan, Rutherford.  
Half-backs: Jarratt, Owens.  
Three-quarter backs: H. Green, Bruton, A. Green, A. Beattie.  
Back: Johnston.  
H. K. F. C.  
Referee—A. N. Other.

### MUD-FLAT NORTH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENSIN, December 12th.  
I fear my wire about Li Hung-chang's appointment was anticipated from Peking via Shanghai. There is not much significance in the appointment beyond his virtual retirement from power. Age presses heavily on the old man, and he is not equal to the more lusty wiles of Jung Lu and Prince Ching and has been gradually ousted even from his post of Secret Advisor at the Dowager's Elbow. His graceful exit from the official arena, and also to spin out indefinitely the tariff negotiations. But it is to be hoped that the matter will be properly represented at home and that no procrastination in this matter will be tolerated. The moment, in spite of, or rather because of the war is opportune to enforce radical and thorough reform and accomplish the abolition of feckin and like abuses. It can be done and done promptly if firmness and decision are resorted to. Sir Claude has a grand opportunity, but he himself it is hoped he will not fail to avail himself of it.

The guard for the winter has arrived and there seems some likelihood of their being required for once. The secret societies known as the Boxers and Big Sword Society are both strong and turbulent in Shantung, and news reaches me to-day that in the south of this province they are creeping northward, and demonstrating an intention to be troublesome. There are a hundred or more now at Chin-chow in Ho-chien-lu district, and the prefect has just arrived here to report the matter to the Viceroy and ask for soldiers to be sent. The district they occupy is a very active Catholic country, and as such will be specially singled out for disturbance. The troubles in Shantung have been growing to serious proportions owing to the Governor being a fanatic who was one of the original founders of the Big Sword Society and consequently has no control over them. He has, however, been superseded and Gen. Yuan has himself just sent in a memorial to the Throne in which he boldly uses the forbidden terms Ying Yi, English savage, Fa Yi, French devil, and so on, and has also sent a memorial to the Throne in which he boldly uses the forbidden terms Ying Yi, English savage, Fa Yi, French devil, and so on, and has also sent a memorial to the Throne in which he boldly uses the forbidden terms Ying Yi, English savage, Fa Yi, French devil, and so on.

While writing which thus refers to the state of affairs in Shantung:—"Word comes to-day that the Hsia Chin-chin official has been visited by several hundred Boxers who asked him for a flag with their Motto, Hsing Ching Mieh tang," up with the Ching (dynasty) and down with the Foreigner. "He asked them how they were going to carry out their programme and they answered by giving him a performance showing how they were able to stab themselves without injury, in fine that they were quite immortal. It appears however, that the remnants of mortals still survive among them, as this same official is said, though it did not bestow a flag, to have sent to their temple some 200 cattles of bread and 70 strings of cash." These society men claim to be immortal, but numbers of them have nevertheless been killed, and one of their leaders is supposed to have been arrested. They recently declared their intention to drive all the Germans out of Shantung, and after that march northwards to Tiensin and drive all the foreigners into the sea.

An appeal to the residents on behalf of the soldiers and sailors of the Queen is now being circulated here and in twenty-four hours some nine hundred dollars were raised and it is anticipated that Tiensin may contribute nearly \$3,000.

Socially the past week has been a busy one, the whole community more or less being concerned in a Bazaar for a new church here. It came off on Saturday, a good entertainment being provided in the evening, in which some excellent tableaux were the principal feature, the time being taken up with a general perfection of their arrangement causing considerable surprise to those of our new comers, not familiar with Tiensin's resources in the artistic and dramatic line. Nothing seems to be doing just now in connection with the Su Han railway. The work of construction is presumably going steadily on, but it lies rather out of the track of both Tiensin and Peking and we hear little about the Belgian movement.

### NOTANDA.

#### CALENDAR.

Metereological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer	30.181
Thermometer	62.4
Humidity	64
Rainfall	0.985

#### TO-DAY.

**WEATHER REPORT.**

Barometer	30.11	30.01
Temperature	69	67
Humidity	75	81
Rainfall	—	—

#### TO-DAY.

Friday, 22nd December, 1899.

Chinese—21st of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises 6h. 38min.

Set 5h. 19min.

High water—Morning 1h. 31min.

Afternoon 1h. 24min.

Low water—Morning 6h. 23min.

Afternoon 5h. 5min.

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

1805—Lord Beaconsfield born.

1830—Two Mandarins arrived at Macao with secret orders to watch the movements of Pienpoungkang Elliot.

1864—Capture of Savannah by General Sherman.

1879—British victory near Kabul.

1890—Return of Governor Sir William Des Voeux to Hongkong.

1897—The German cruiser *Savannah* arrived in Hongkong from Europe.

**TOMORROW.**

Saturday, 23rd December, 1899.

Chinese—21st of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises 6h. 38min.

Set 5h. 19min.

Moon—in Apogee 7h. 40min.

High water—Morning 1h. 31min.

Afternoon 1h. 24min.

Low water—Morning 6h. 23min.

Afternoon 5h. 5min.

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

1861—Prince Consort buried.

1870—British Consulate at Shanghai destroyed by fire.

1874—Lord Romilly died.

### AGENDA.

**TO-DAY.**

Football—Shield Cup, Hongkong Engineers v. "F" Co. R.W.F.

Cargo ex *Yindoban* subject to rent.

9 p.m.—Dance, given by the Hongkong Engineers and Ship Builders Institute, at the City Hall.

**TO-MORROW.**

Public Holiday.

Noon.—P. & O. steamer *Cornamandel*, with mails, leaves for England.

Noon.—"Ben" line steamer *Baniaria* leaves for London.

2.30 p.m.—Auction sales of toys at P. Brewitt's Sales Rooms, Zetland St.

N. P. R. steamer *Monmouthshire* leaves for Portland, Oregon.

O. & O. steamer *Doric* leaves for San Francisco.

Football—Shield Cup "G" Co. R.W.F. v. V.R.C.

5 for 5.30 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Eothen Mark Lodge.

9 p.m.—A.D.C. performance of "Mother-in-law" at City Hall.

**SUNDAY 24th.**

N. L. H. A. steamer *Ambrisa* leaves for Haere Hamburg.

**MONDAY, 25th.**

Christmas Day.

**TUESDAY, 26th.**

Boxing Day.

G. N. Co. steamer *Shant* leaves for Samarang and Sourabaya.

**WEDNESDAY, 27th.**

Noon.—Navigazione Generale Italiana's steamer *Germetta* for Venice and Trieste.

Imperial German Mail Line steamer *Prinz Heinrich* for Hamburg.

Shevan, Tomes and Co.'s steamer *Atama* leaves for New York (about).

5.30 for 6 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Zetland Lodge.

**H.K.V.C. ORDERS.**

6 p.m.—"E" Coy Company Drill at Headquarters.

3 p.m. Auction sale, Kowloon Island Lot 496 at Mong Kok Tsui, at P.W.D. office.

**THURSDAY, 28th.**

P. & O. steamer *Socotra* leaves for London (about).

**FRIDAY, 29th.**

4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Fulami Maru* leaves for Sydney and Melbourne.

4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Asa Maru* leaves for Marseilles London and Antwerp.

### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

#### MAILS DUE.

English (*Mastalia*) to-morrow.

Indian (*Kumang*) to-morrow.

American (*Nippon Maru*) 24th inst.

Australian (*Eastern*) 25th inst.

German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 26th inst.

German (*Karlruhe*) 26th inst.

Canadian (*Empress of China*) 27th inst.

Australian (*Titan*) 31st inst.

American (*Ontano*) and prox.

American (*Coptic*) 10th prox.

The steamship *Nippon Maru* with mails &c. left Shanghai for this port to-day at 1 p.m.



## SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

## "SAIORS AND SOLDIERS FAMILIES' FUND."

The Undersigned begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to the above Fund.

T. JACKSON,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

Already acknowledged	\$65,800.36
Palmer and Turner	250
Collected at Banquet of Farewell	250
Lodge	240
Captain, Officers & Crew, s.s. <i>Doric</i>	200
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H. A. Macdonald	100
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V. P. Musso & Co.	25
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Rev. G. R. Vallings	10
Subscriptions from Amoy	—
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R. W. Mansfield	100
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H. Hutchison	15
Kung Phoo Chua & Co.	15
Kua Seng Watt	15
Kung Tsung Yau Bros.	15
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Lau Kong Sin	10
C. A. Swanson	10
C. Whitfield	10
Miss M. Hopun	10
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Louis Whitfield	10
Chan Yook Ying	10
P. M. Sangar	7
J. Phillips	7
A. J. MacGregor	7
E. V. Bonn	7
H. Campbell	7
H. Glacery	7
J. Stockwell	7
H. Clive	7
J. H. Pearson	7
J. N. Ollia	7
W. G. Pettigrew	7
Miss C. M. Usher	7
L. P. M.	7
R. Allan	7
J. MacDougall	7
Yee Hoan	7
Tan Swee Khue	7
Ung Tek Hin & Co.	7
Ung Tek Beng & Co.	7
B. M. See Yung	7
F. Colloco	7
Miss N. Sadler	7
E. B.	7
Soon Sook Yan	7
Exchange	7.10
S. S. Suiyang	110
Captain, Officers & Engineers, s.s. <i>Monmouthshire</i>	102
E. W. R.	100
Public Lodge of Instruction	50
C. B.	5
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Col. The O'Gorman	25
Major S. S. Long	25
Capt. Hon. H. W. Trevelyan	25
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Officers, Warrant & Non-com. officers & men 25th Co., Eastn. Div.	150
R. G. Art.	100.50
Officers, Warrant & Non-com. officers & men 25th Co., Southn. Div.	100.50
R. G. Art.	100.50
Officers, Warrant & Non-com. officers & men 38th Co., Southn. Div.	151.50
R. G. Art.	95
Officers, Royal Engineers	95
Men, 25th Co. Royal Engineers	664.70
Officers, N.C. Os. & Men, 2nd Bn.	20
R. W. Fusiliers	7
Officers, Army Service Corps	46
Non-com. Officers	40
Civil Staff, Headquarters and Army Service Corps Estab.	39.50
Officers, Royal Army Medical Corps	40
Non-com. Officers & men	39.50
Officers and Civil Staff, Army Ord.	80
Non-com. Officers & men, Army Ord.	23.60
Officers, Army Pay Department	40
Non-com. Officers	12.50
Officers, N.C. Os. & men, No. 2 Co.	46
H.K. & S. Bn. R.A.	46.20
Officers, N.C. Os. & men, No. 3 Co.	46.20
H.K. & S. Bn. R.A.	46.20
Officers, N.C. Os. & men, No. 4 Co.	46.20
H.K. & S. Bn. R.A.	46.20
Officers, N.C. Os. & men, No. 5 Co.	46.20
H.K. & S. Bn. R.A.	46.20
British Officers, Hongkong Regiment	120
Native Officers, Non-com. Officers & men Hongkong Regiment	300
	\$71,633.22

## CALENDARS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

From the Oceania Lithograph we have received a neat calendar for 1900 which, as a specimen of the work of this establishment will come as a surprise to many, as it is only during the last few months that lithography has been practised in Hongkong.

Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co. send us a tastefully got up date block for 1900 and from the fact of its being printed in German it will be found most useful for our readers of that nationality.

## THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 21st instant ..... 1,479  
Do. do. during past 24 hours ..... 1  
Total ..... 1,480

Deaths reported to 21st instant ..... 1,421  
Do. do. during past 24 hours ..... 1  
Total ..... 1,422

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain A. J. Robson, of the steamship *Hullington*, from Swatow, reports:—Moderate easterly wind and sea, fine cloudy weather. Steamers in Swatow—*Lohsang, Esang* and *Kuelling*.

## THE "BONAVENTURE" AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The officers and men of the *Bonaventure*, now at Shanghai, have been doing good work for the Widows and Orphans Fund, having, by means of a minstrel and variety show, swelled the Shanghai contribution by no less than \$1,500 which amount was realized by the sale of tickets. The Shanghai public wished to have the show repeated, but, unfortunately, this could not be arranged. The following account is taken from the *China Gazette*—

The minstrel and variety entertainment given by the officers and men of H.M.S. *Bonaventure* in aid of the Patriotic Fund at the Lyceum last night was without question one of the best of its kind ever produced in Shanghai. The house, it is hardly necessary to say, was filled to overflowing, every available space being taken up by interested spectators, and the applause throughout the evening was unstinted and well deserved. With a punctuality that is not often followed in Shanghai, the curtain rose, disclosing the black-robed minstrel, used in minstrel shows, but on this occasion there was a pyramid of seamen in summer uniforms who acted as background and added to the effect as well as to the strength of the various choruses. Opening with a rousing chorus, which served to put the audience in touch with the performers, song after song was most vociferously applauded, the gallery gods being heard to much advantage in this. The singing was excellent, while the quips and jokes bandied about between Master Johnson, Jones and Tambourine helped to fill in the gaps between the songs. After an interval of ten minutes, Lieutenant Lees, R.M.L.I., dressed in a tramp, and with his collapsible bicycle in a bag slung across his shoulders, made his appearance. After some ludicrous clowning to carry out the character he had assumed, Lieut. Lees commenced his performance, and we do not think we are saying too much when we assert that some tricks which were considered well-nigh impossible on a bicycle were performed by him with consummate ease. As this performance has been fully described with illustration in *Harris's Weekly*, we will not attempt to particularize. Suffice it for us to remark that riding with his back to the handlebars and pedalling forward; lying prone on the seat and pedalling with his hands; and standing upright on the saddle and balancing were not the most difficult of his achievements. The difficulty of the feats will appeal to cyclists and open out to them a vista for practice which will no doubt be locally availed of. The remainder of the programme consisted of songs, in character, and dances which kept the house in good humour, the efforts of the various performers to carry them out being extremely good. A wide extravaganza entitled, "The Slaughter-House Brigade" elicited roars of laughter, the performance closing with a grand tableau of Britannia, supported by her hearts of oak and Tommy Atkins, accompanied by the singing of "Rule Britannia," and "God save the Queen," in which the whole house joined. A special word of praise is due to the accompaniment of a Marine who carried out his work excellently. The programme was neat, being in the form of the Naval ensign.

## Intimations.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1899. [1566a]

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1899. [11]

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"DECIMA"  
Captain C. Christensen, will be despatched for the above Port, on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to  
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1582a]

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THE Company's Steamship

"MAIZURU MARU"  
Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the above ports, on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.

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Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1899. [1213a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
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FOR KOBE.  
THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN"  
Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1517a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
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FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"SHANSHI"  
Captain Carnahan, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th instant.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1526a]

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Captain G. Sartorio, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

At BOMBAY, the Steamers are discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1588a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG"  
Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1586a]

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FOR MANILA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"FUTAMI MARU"  
(3,800 Tons Gross, Captain J. Thom.) will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M.

This new Mail Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics and is provided with Superior Accommodation, and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers, Electric Light and Refrigerator, Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to  
A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1587a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT).  
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THE Company's Steamship

"ULYSSES"  
Captain Brown, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 30th instant.

Taking Cargo for LIVERPOOL at London Rates.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1579a]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"INDRAVELLI"  
Captain Craven, will be despatched as above on about THURSDAY, the 18th January, 1900.

For Freight, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1583a]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"AERIDI"  
will be despatched for the above Port about the middle of January, 1900, and will be followed by  
S.S. "BIRCHTOR" and "ST. REGULUS."  
For Freight, apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1503a]

Shipping.  
STEAMERS.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG"  
Captain F. T. Ellis, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers.

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General Managers.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1571a]

"BEN LINE OF STEAMERS."

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"BENLARK"  
Captain Kroble, will be despatched as above on TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1568a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT).  
(Not calling at LONDON).

THE Company's Steamship

"TANTALUS"  
Captain Barlett, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 24th instant.

Taking Cargo to LIVERPOOL at London Rates.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [1466a]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA"  
Captain Blackland, will be despatched for the above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [1574a]

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FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"ASAMA"  
will be despatched for the above Port, about the 27th instant.

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The Steamship  
"MORVEN"  
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1516a]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

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Captain S. Belsom, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1899. [1528a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED"  
Captain Goodwin, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th January.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1899. [1538a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship

"ANTENOR"  
Captain Jackson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 23rd January.

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(December 22nd.)

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
<b>Banks.</b>		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$125	340 3/4 premium
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Preference)	£ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	£ 4	£1 buyers
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Deferred)	£ 1	£5.5 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	\$20 sellers
Do. Founders	£ 2	\$20
<b>Marine Insurance.</b>		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$335
China Trade Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$58
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 25	Tls. 190
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	£ 60	\$110
Canton Ins. Office.	\$ 50	\$130
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$23
<b>Fire Insurance.</b>		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$327 1/2 buyers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$88 sellers
<b>Shipping.</b>		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	\$ 15	\$304 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$62 1/2
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$90
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$53 sellers
China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd.—(Pref.)	£ 10	\$9.15 buyers
China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd.—(Ord.)	£ 10	\$9 buyers
China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd.—(Ord.)	£ 5	\$4.15 sales
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$21
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 100	\$240
<b>Refineries.</b>		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$120
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$47 1/2
<b>Mining.</b>		
Panlong Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$7 1/2
Panlong Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$1.30
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 250	\$320
Queen Mines, Ltd.	25 cts.	\$0.40
Jebeu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$12 1/2 buyers
Raub Allain Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	15s. 10d.	\$6 1/2 buyers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	\$ 5	\$9
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	\$ 4 1/2	\$6 buyers
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$0.70
Do. (Preference)	\$ 1	\$0.30
<b>Books, Wharves and Godowns.</b>		
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$125	325 1/2 sales and
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$87 sellers
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	\$ 37 1/2	\$45 buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 6 1/2	\$1 sales
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China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9.35 sales
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$116
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Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$58
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Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$26 1/2 buyers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$15 sales and
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$15.75
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$10
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$2
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 2	\$2
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$130
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$210 buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$45 buyers
H'kong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$130 sales
H'kong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$155 buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 8	\$4 ex div.
Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$25
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$15 buyers
Bell & Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£ 1	£1 nominal
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	\$3
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$10
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Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 4	\$4

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Alison, Mrs. John	McLeod, Mrs. and 2 children
Baker, Mr. W. S.	Merton, Mr. and Mrs.
Baker, Mr. R. H.	and maid
Barlow, Mr. B. J.	Merton (2), Misses
Black, Mr. W. M.	Messer, Mr. T. S.
Blackburn, Com. R.N.	Miller, Mr. Raymond
Bottomley, Mr. and Mrs. A. H.	Morrison, Mrs. F.
Branch, Mr. B. W.	Murphy, Mr. E. O.
Brown, Mr. J. W.	Murphy, Lt. E. O. E.
Brusse, Mr. G. T.	Nagelmackers, Mr. H.
Busch, Mr. and Mrs. F.	Nelson, Capt. and Mrs. R.
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Carter, Mr. H. B.	Parfitt, Mr. W.
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Collins, Mrs.	Pierce, Mr. F. R.
Cross, Mr. Alex. W.	Reed, Mr. R.
Cunliffe, Miss	Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.
Davidson, Mrs.	Richardson, Mr. G. E.
Dawson, Mr. P. C.	Robins, Mr. H. O.
Doyle, Mrs.	Robins, Mr. R. T.
Drum, Miss	Scott, Mrs. P.
Eckford, Miss	Shaw, Miss
Edge, Col. and Mrs.	Simmons, Mr. H.
Farrell, Mrs. and child	Smythe, Mr. A. J.
Fraser, Mr. W.	Stetson, Mr. and Mrs.
Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. K.	Taylor, Mr. B. J.
Goudard, Capt.	Taylor, Mr. H. J.
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Goldman, Mr. H.	Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. C.
Grimm, Major and Mrs.	Thorne, Mr. D.
Groves, Mrs.	Thurman, Mr. W.
Hall, Mr. R. J.	Trigbal, Mr. F. W.
Harstead, Miss	Vanuxen, Mrs. F. W.
Hawkins, Miss	Vanuxen, Misses (2)
Hedder, Mr. Max	Vanuxen, Mr. P. C.
Horse, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. T. F.	Vaughan, Mr. H. S.
Ireland, Mr. L. F.	Vickers, Mr. C.
Jackson, Mrs.	Waghorn, Mr. G.
Jefferys, Major & Mrs. Johnson, Mr. W. A.	Waldow, Mr. R.
Johnston, Mr. W. A.	Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. and child
Katsch, Mr. E. A.	Whaley, Mr. & Mrs. W.
Kinchin, Mr. G.	Whaley, Miss
Kunkel, Mr. & Mrs. M.	Whitlow, Mr. and Mrs. A. W.
Levy, Mr. L. A.	Wild, Mr. and Mrs. Maslovsky, Mr. W. v.
Levy, Mr. L. A.	Wilde, Mr. and Mrs. Bagnall
Levy, Mr. L. A.	Wildschut, Capt.
Levy, Mr. L. A.	Worfield, Mr. J. Y.
Levy, Mr. L. A.	Zuniga, Mr. J. M. de

## VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Bernadotte, Mr. Louis	Lee, Mr. J. E.
Brayne, Mr. H. F. R.	Longuet, Mr. and Mrs. C. W.
Bure, Mr. P.	Martin, Mr. R.
Clarke, Capt. and Mrs. A. C.	Mitchell, Mr. R.
Corbett, Capt. Van	O'Gorman, Lt. Col. The
Dann, Mr. G. H.	O'Gorman, Madam
Deaton, Mr. A. L.	Pearce, Mr. G. H.
Dow, Mr. P.	Pollock, Hon. H. E.
Elisla, Colonel H.	Pymme, Capt.
Eskel, Mr. J. S.	Rumsey, Comdr. R. M.
Forbes, Mr. A.	Sinclair, Mr. A.
Fraser, Lt. Col. A. R.	Smith, Mr. A. B.
Gompertz, Mr. H. H.	Smith, Mr. A. Findlay
Gorges, Colonel E. H.	Stokes, Mr. A. G.
Gros, Mr. Edward F.	Stokes, Mr. A. P.
Hallifax, Mr. and Mrs. E. R.	Thomson, Mr. O. D.
Helm, Mr. H. L.	Wardell, Misses (2)
Idburg, Major G. R. St.	Wardell, Miss R. C.
Kofod, Capt.	Werner, Mr. E. T. C.
	Wheeler, Mr. G. H.

## CRAGIEBURN.

Clement, Mr. C.	Russell, Mr. & Mrs. E. F.
Cottam, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. and son	Simmonds, Mrs.
Flynn, R.N. Rev. F.	Snow, Mr. C. F., U.S.N.
Johnston, Mr. R. E.	Snow, Mr. C. F. and family
Leahard, Mrs. E. G.	Volpicelli, Consul
O'Leary, Mrs. T. S.	Volpicelli, Madame
Simonds, Capt. C. B.	Wood, Mr. J. R.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 22nd December.	
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer, 1/11 5/16	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/11 5/16	
Credit, 3 months' sight 2/0 1/2	
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 2/0 1/2	
Credit, 3 months' sight 2/0 1/2	
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 48 1/2	
Credit, 30 days' sight 48 1/2	
ON HONKONG, Telegraphic Transfer 1/11 5/16	
Private, 30 days' sight 7 1/2	
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 44 per cent. prem.	
Sovereigns, Bank's buying rate 53/0	
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael 53/0	
Bar Silver 100 touch, per tael 53/0	
Dollars 100 touch, per tael 53/0	

## OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 22nd December.	
New Putna 907 1/2 per chest	
New Benares 907 1/2	
New Malwa 890 per picul	
Old Malwa 890	
Persian, paper tied 840/850	

## VESSELS IN PORT.

<b>Steamers.</b>	
ARGEL, British steamer, 1,855, W. H. Gibson, 17th Dec.—Kuchino 12th Dec., Coal.	
ARIAKE, Japanese steamer, 1,886, M. Yamamoto, 21st Dec.—Kuchino 12th Dec., Coal.	
HORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. Sartorio, 21st Dec.—Bombay and Dec. and Singapore 14th Dec.—General—Carlowitz & Co.	
OHIOVA, Japanese steamer, 1,937, K. Yamamoto, 19th Dec.—Anpin Furmuther 17th Dec., Ballast.—Dodwell & Co.	
CHOWPA, British steamer, 1,055, J. Williamson, 12th Dec.—Bangkok and Dec. and Ang Hin 5th Dec.—General—Butterfield & Swire.	
CONOMANDI, British steamer, 2,783, P. W. Vibert, R.N.R., 21st Dec.—Shanghai 19th Dec. Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
COWICE, British steamer, 3,155, Davies, 21st Dec.—Batavia 11th Nov. and Singapore 14th Dec., Kerosine Oil.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.	

DEICHA, German steamer, 965, Christian, 21st Dec.—Mojl 16th Dec., Coal.—Sander, Wicher & Co.	
DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Petersen, 20th Dec.—Saigon 16th Dec., Rice.—Siemssen & Co.	
DRAGONOSE, British steamer, 1,057, Richard Curtis, 15th Dec.—Bangkok 6th Dec. and Ang Hin 20th Dec.—General—Yuen Yuen Hong.	
DORIC, American steamer, 2,591, H. Smith, R.N.R., 18th Dec.—Sawtoe 17th Dec. Nov. Honolulu 14th Dec. and Shanghai 16th Dec., Nagasaki 6th and O. S. S. 13th Mails and General.—O. & S. S. Co.	
DR. HANS JURG, Norwegian steamer, 1,267, W. Davis, 16th Dec.—Fochow 13th Dec. and Swatow 15th Dec.—General—Douglas, Laiprak & Co.	
HA-SING, British steamer, 1,258, H. Davis, 16th Dec.—Fochow 13th Dec. and Swatow 15th Dec.—General—Douglas, Laiprak & Co.	
KONIG ALBERT, German steamer, 10,600, O. Coppers, 13th Dec.—Yokohama 4th Dec. Mails and General.—Malchers & Co.	
KW. FENG, Chinese steamer, 1,212, W. Blake, 11st Dec.—Tientsin 13th Dec. and Chefoo 16th Dec.—General—C. E. & M. Co.	
LIGHTNING, British steamer, 2,122, S. H. Belson, 18th Dec.—Calcutta 29th Nov. Penang 7th Dec. and Singapore 11th Dec.—General—David, Sassoon Sons & Co.	
LOYAL, German steamer, 1,237, Lorenzen, 20th Dec.—Hongay 18th Dec., Coal.—Sander, Wicher & Co.	
MAIDZURU MARU, Japanese steamer, 667, T. Katata, 21st Dec.—Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 20th Dec.—General—Bridges.	
MEEHOO, Chinese steamer, 1,339, Frigast, 21st Dec.—Canton 21st Dec.—General—C. M. S. N. Co.	
MENHUR, British steamer, 1,980, S. J. George, 6th Dec.—Sourabaya and Cherbon 25th Nov. Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
MONMOUTHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,871, W. A. Evans, 17th Dec.—Portland, Oregon 16th Nov. General and Flour.—Dodwell & Co.	
PEIVANG, German steamer, 953, R. Kähler, 21st Dec.—Haiphong 19th Dec.—Rice.—A. R. Marty.	
PETRACH, German steamer, 1,258, H. Necker, 17th Dec.—Java 7th Dec. Sugar.—Order, PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, J. Fowler, 18th Dec.—Bangkok 4th Dec. and Ang Hin 11th Dec.—Yuen Fat Hong.	
PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, P. Brandt, 15th Dec.—Touron 12th Dec.—Rice.—Siemssen & Co.	
PROFITS, British str., 1,390, W. Mackay, 17th Dec.—Singapore 9th Dec. General.—Heung Sing Steamship Co.	
PROSPER, Norwegian steamer, 789, E. Thorsen, 21st Dec.—Singapore 20th Dec. General.—G. Co. R. Stevens & Co.	
ROHILLA, British steamer, 3,501, S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R., 21st Nov.—Yokohama 14th Nov. General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
SABINE RICKMERS, British steamer, 690, J. R. Nasbet, R.N.R., 15th Dec.—Fochow and Amoy 13th Dec.—General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
SIAM, British steamer, 992, H. N. Holton, 21st Dec.—Bangkok 13th Dec. and Ang Hin 13th Dec.—Rice and General—Bradley & Co.	
SILESIA, German steamer, 2,560, Behrens, 18th Dec.—Singapore 12th Dec.—General—Carlowitz & Co.	
SUISANO, British steamer, 1,776, E. J. Todd, 16th Dec.—Calcutta 22nd Nov. Penang 19th Dec. and Singapore 3rd Dec. Opium and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
TAIFU, German steamer, 1,046, R. Schult, 20th Dec.—Saigon 15th Dec.—Rice.—Meyer & Co.	
TAI LEE, German steamer, 588, T. Calender, 21st Dec.—Maunil 27th Dec. Sugar.—Meyer & Co.	
TAIYUAN, British steamer, 1,459, R. Nelson, 21st Dec.—Adelaide 11th Nov. Melbourne 14th Nov. Newcastle 16th Nov. Sydney 21st Nov. Brisbane 24th Nov. Townsville 26th Nov. Cairns 27th Nov. Cooktown 28th Nov. Thursday Island and Dec. Port Darwin 7th and Manila 18th Dec.—General—Butterfield & Swire.	
TRIUMPH, German steamer, 675, A. Rieke, 6th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 5th Dec.—General.—Jensen & Co.	
YAWATA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,367, A. E. Moser, 20th Dec.—Australian Ports via Manila 18th Dec.—General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	

<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>	
ADOLPH OBRIC, American bark, 1,302, Armabury, 17th Oct.—New York 5th May, Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.	
JOHN McDOWALL, American bark, 1,228, Stern, 23th Nov.—New York 25th June, Oil.—Standard Oil Co.	
MARY L. CUSHING, American bark, 1,540, Pendleton, 1st Oct.—New York 16th May, Case Oil.—Order.	
REUCE, American ship, 1,828, D. Whitmore, 3rd Oct.—New York 30th May, Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.	
SIMLA, British 4-masted bark, 2,087, Huestis, 25th Aug.—Cebu and Philippine Islands 2nd and 3rd Dec.—General—Order.	
STATE OF IRELAND, American ship, 1,500, Colcord, 9th Oct.—New York 20th May, Kerosine Oil.—Standard Oil Co.	
VALE OF DOON, British bark, 669, J. Peterson, 11th Dec.—Rajang, Sarawak, N.B. 15th Nov. Hardwood.—Order.	
WARATAH, British schooner, 24, Haynes, 23rd Sept.—Takow 15th Sept. Ballast.—Mr. F. W. Hall.	
WM. H. CONNER, American ship, 1,321, J. T. Erskine, 14th Oct.—New York 11th May, and Rio Janeiro 11th July, Kerosine.—Standard Oil Co.	

## HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

<b>Alacrity</b> , despatch-vessel, 1,725 tons, 10 6-p. a.f. guns, 3,000 h.p., Commander A. H. Smith-Dorset, Singapore.	
<b>Algerine</b> , sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., Comdr. E. J. W. Slade, Hongkong.	
<b>Aurora</b> , British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. E. H. Bayly, Manila.	
<b>Barfleur</b> , 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,163 h.p., Captain Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B., Hongkong.	
<b>Bonaventure</b> , 2nd class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 18 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. R. E. J. Montgomerie, O.B., R.N., Shanghai.	
<b>Brisk</b> , British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Capt. Wrey, Kwang-chow-wan.	
<b>Daphne</b> , sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 h.p., Comdr. C. W. W. Ingram, Hankow.	
<b>Endymion</b> , British cruiser, 7,350 tons, Capt. G. A. Callaghan, Wei-hai-wei.	
<b>Eik</b> , coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. Chadwick, Ichang.	
<b>Fame</b> , twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 4,400 h.p., Lieut. Com. W. J. Keyes, Hongkong.	
<b>Firebrand</b> , 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 1 gun, 300 h.p., Hongkong.	

<b>Handy</b> , twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 4,400 h.p., Lieut. Com. W. J. Keyes, Hongkong.	
<b>Hart</b> , twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 4,400 h.p., Lieut. Com. W. J. Keyes, Hongkong.	
<b>Humbird</b> , British gunboat, 800 tons, 8 guns, 3,000 h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, Hongkong.	
<b>Imperia</b> , 2nd class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 8 guns, 3,000 h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, Hongkong.	
<b>Linnet</b> , gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 h.p., Commander W. W. Smythe, Hongkong.	
<b>Orlando</b> , British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. J. H. Burke, Hongkong.	
<b>Packard</b> , 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. S. G. Douglas, Hongkong.	
<b>Phenix</b> , British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr. Cochran, Hongkong.	
<b>Pigmy</b> , 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Wei-hai-wei.	
<b>Plover</b> , 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. V. de M. Copper, Manila.	
<b>Redoubt</b> , British gunboat, 805 tons, Capt. F. F. Haworth Booth, Shanghai.	
<b>Sandpiper</b> , British river-gunboat, 2 guns, Lt. Comdr. Carr, on the West River.	
<b>Swift</b> , gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 h.p., Hongkong.	
<b>Tamar</b> , receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Powell, Hongkong.	
<b>Tweed</b> , coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Hillman, on the West River.	
<b>Undaunted</b> , 1st class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, Hongkong.	
<b>Victoria</b> , British battleship, 14,900 tons, 32 guns, 12,000 h.p., Captain A. Schomberg, Wei-hai-wei.	
<b>Waterwitch</b> , surveying vessel, 620 tons, Commander W. P. Dawson, Hongkong.	
<b>Whiting</b> , twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6,000 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. E. Kelly, Hongkong.	
<b>Wivern</b> , coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns, 1,000 h.p., Hongkong.	
<b>Woodcock</b> , British gunboat, 2 guns, 560 h.p., Lt. Comdr. Watson, on the Yangtze.	
<b>Woodlark</b> , British gunboat, 4 guns, 550 h.p., Lt. Comdr. R. A. Norton, on the Yangtze.	
<b>Torpedo-boats in Reserve</b> Nos. 8 and 20, 35 36 37 and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class boats.	

<b>Italian.</b>	
<b>Carlo Alberto</b> , Italian cruiser, 7,000 tons, Capt. R. Gali, Shanghai.	
<b>Etna</b> , Italian cruiser, 3,500 tons, Capt. C. Giorello, en route Singapore.	
<b>Liguria</b> , Italian cruiser, 4,500 tons, Captain Casella, Singapore.	
<b>Piemonte</b> , Italian cruiser, 2,800 tons, 12 guns, Captain Giuliani, Singapore.	
<b>Stromboli</b> , Italian cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns, 6,252 h.p., Capt. C. Bregante, Singapore.	
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>	
<b>Liberal</b> , Portuguese gunboat, 588 tons, Comdr. Cunha, Hongkong.	
<b>Presidente Sarmiento</b> , Argentine cruiser, 2,850 tons, Capt. Betbeder, Manila.	